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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

a<sup>1</sup> 3. (Amended) The log file protection system of [either] Claim 1 [or claim 2], further comprising hiding means which hide all but one of the log files.

5. (Amended) The log file protection system of Claim 3 [or claim 4], wherein said hiding means re-hide said hidden log files in different locations, when alteration or deletion is detected by said alteration detection means.

a<sup>2</sup> 6. (Amended) The log file protection system of [any of claims 1-5] Claim 5, further comprising means which perform additional processing, when an altered or deleted log file is detected by said alteration detection means.

7. (Amended) Recording media which stores a program capable of implementing the log file protection system according to any of Claims 1-6 or 8-22 on a computer system.

Please add new the Claims 8-22 as follows:

a<sup>3</sup> --8. The log file protection system of Claim 1, further comprising means which perform additional processing, when an altered or deleted log file is detected by said alteration detection means.